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Inventor(s): Rao Venkateswara Annapragada

Application No.: 09/544,804

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Title: A METHOD OF IMPROVING ADHESION OF CAP OXIDE TO NANOPOROUS SILICA FOR

INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the

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Conditional petition for extension of time

If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

Status

This application is on behalf of

X	other than a small entity
	a small entity
A verified statement:	
	is attached
	is already filed

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